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Applicants respectfully request entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment.
Applicants' amendments do not introduce new matter.

1. Amendment to the Specification

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120, the specification has been amended to recite the divisional status of this application, and its relationship to a previous application filed by the Applicants.

2. Amendment to the Claims

In prior filed application Serial No. 10/281,800, the claims were restricted into three Groups:

Group I: Claim 1, drawn to a composition, classified (by the Examiner) in class 514, subclass 312.

Group II: Claim 2 drawn to a process of preparing, classified (by the Examiner) in class 546, subclass 155.

Group III: Claims 3 drawn to a process of preparing, classified (by the Examiner) in class 546, subclass 153.

This application presents for prosecution Group III (claim 3). Applicants note that claim 3 has been amended¹ to incorporate, into the preamble, the chemical name of the final product synthesized in the method as claimed and to incorporate the limitations of the independent claim from which it originally depended.

¹ Applicants have amended claim 2 to further their business interests and expressly reserve the right to prosecute the original claim, or claim(s) similar thereto, in subsequently filed application(s).

Claim 1 (Group I) has been cancelled as this claim was allowed in co-pending application No. 10/281,800 (our File No.: CUTLER-07193). Claim 2 (Groups II) has been cancelled without prejudice to prosecuting the same in another application.

Respectfully submitted,

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